

3. SUMMARY:

- o Source appears to possess a great deal of accurate information concerning the disposition of remains in Vietnam. Based upon initial analysis of Source information, it appears likely that the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is withholding a substantial number of US remains.
- o It also appears possible that three unidentified Americans may still be in Vietnam.

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On 17 October 1979, Source a Vietnamese refugee in France published an article in *SOURCE DATA* concerning Cuban forces in Vietnam, Soviet missile launcher bases and 33 American PWs in Hanoi. Numerous attempts were made by the American Embassy, the USDAO, and French officials to contact refugee Source. Refugee finally was contacted and agreed to be interviewed by the DIA Debriefing Team on 22 November 1979. The Team's debrief of Source began as scheduled on 22 November. He agreed to provide as many days as necessary for his debrief. He spoke of his respect for Ho Chi Minh and his disdain for the actions of the current leadership under Le Duan.

Source has stated he had access to US PWs between 1970-75 and that he would provide the debriefers with all he knew on the subject. He states that all US PWs were classified in four categories:

- a. All the PWs released throughout the war--He said ~~about~~ 556 Americans were in this category. This number is fairly accurate.
- b. An unknown number of PWs who were sons of rich families--Based on hearsay, he said they were to be ransomed direct to their families.
- c. An unknown number who would never be released--No further explanation was provided. Follow-up is ongoing.
- d. Progressive PWs--He claims to have seen this group of 33. States they were categorized by their receptiveness to indoctrination and were undergoing training to eventually serve as agents for Vietnam in the US. Claims he saw this group in mid-1974 while on an inspection tour of their housing facility in the western outskirts of Hanoi.

Much of his hearsay information is of doubtful accuracy. The source has declined a polygraph examination. Information on live Americans will be pursued further.